

Giving Thanks **1 Chron 16:7-36**

[Introduction]

[Someone has said that the most difficult arithmetic to master is that of counting one's blessings. Here is a list of seven things one lady said she was truly thankful for:]

- [1. For automatic dishwashers. They make it possible to get out of the kitchen before the family comes in for their after-dinner snacks.]
- [2. For the bathtub - the one place the family allows mom some time to herself.]
- [3. For husbands who attack small repair jobs around the house. They usually make them big enough to call in professionals.]
- [4. For children who put away their things and clean up after themselves. They're such a joy you hate to see them go home to their parents.]
- [5. For teenagers. They give parents an opportunity to learn a second language.]
- [6. For yard work. It's a relief to deal with dirt outside the house for a change.]
- [7. And on Thanksgiving Day: She said that she was especially thankful for smoke alarms, for they let you know when the turkey's done!]

[In 1 Chronicles 13 we read about the first attempt that King David made to bring the Ark of the Covenant back to the city of Jerusalem, after it had been retrieved from the Amalekites, who had captured it in a battle some years earlier. However, David tried to carry the Ark on a wagon, against God's command, and when the Oxen stumbled, Uzza reached up to stabilize the Ark on the cart, and when he touched it God took his life. David was deeply distressed by this loss, and left the cart there with the family of Obed-Edom for three months while he decided what had gone wrong.]

[David then returned, after discovering God's commands concerning the Ark, and brought the Ark to Jerusalem using God's foreordained method with great success. Then he wrote this psalm of thanksgiving and praise.]

Give Thanks By,

A. **Reaching** out to God - Call upon His name (vs 8, 10-11) [- Give thanks unto the LORD, **call upon his name**, . . .]

[To call upon our God is a,]

1. **Condition of the Heart** (vs 10) "*Glory ye in his holy name: let the **heart** of them rejoice that **seek the LORD**.*" - **Our hearts must be:**

- [Seeking (Jer 29.13) We will find God when we truly seek Him]

[Jeremiah 29:13 And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.]

["We must learn to find God the way He reveals Himself to be rather than trying to make Him into what we desire Him to be."]

- [Rejoicing]

*[1 Chronicles 16:10 Glory ye in his holy name: let the heart of them **rejoice** that seek the LORD.]*

[Rejoicing is the result of,]

- [Satisfaction (**Prov 30.8-9; Matt 6.33-34**) - You will find it hard to rejoice in God if you find you are not satisfied with His provision.]

[Proverbs 30:8-9 Remove far from me vanity and lies: give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with food convenient for me: ⁹Lest I be full, and deny thee, and say, Who is the LORD? or lest I be poor, and steal, and take the name of my God in vain.]

[Matthew 6:33-34 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

³⁴Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow

shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.]

- [Contentment (Psm 119.2) - Is there something you just must have in order to be content, or is Christ enough?]

[Psalm 119:2 Blessed are they that keep his testimonies, and that seek him with the whole heart.]

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A Reaching out to God

1 Condition of the heart

[The natural result of seeking and finding God will be joy, peace, satisfaction and contentment.]

2. **Condition of the Will (vs 11)** [- **Seek** the LORD and his strength, **seek** his face continually. - Yielding to the sovereignty and authority of God.]

[Meekness - **His Strength** - Meekness is yielding to the authority and strength of another.]

[**Illustration** – Meekness is best demonstrated through the reigns of a horse. The reigns allow the rider to control the strength of the horse. So it must be with God. We must put the reigns of our control into God’s hands. This asks the critical question, **“Who is your Lord.”**]

*[Romans 10:9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth **the Lord Jesus,** and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.]*

[**Submission (vs 11)**- *Seek the LORD and his strength, seek **his face continually*** – To seek God face is to seek His pleasure. God created all things for His pleasure (Rev 4.11)]

[Children can read the face of their parent and respond quickly. This is what it means to Seek God’s Face. It is to Seek God’s pleasure.]

B. Teaching yourself and others to know the things of God (vs 8, 12-22) [- Give thanks unto the LORD, call upon his name, **make known his deeds among the people.]**

[To teach the things of God we must,]

1. Remember (vs 12-13) [- Remember his marvellous works that he hath done, his wonders, and the judgments of his mouth; *13* O ye seed of Israel his servant, ye children of Jacob, his chosen ones. – We cannot give thanks if we cannot remember for what we are giving thanks.]

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2 Condition of the Will

- **[His Marvelous Works (vs 12)- Remember his **marvellous works that he hath done**, . . . - All Created things as they declare His glory and reveal His reality (**Rom 1.20**).]**

[Romans 1:20 For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:]

- **[His Wonders (vs 12) - Remember his marvellous works that he hath done, **his wonders**, . . . - The Miracles of Life, Birth and New Birth. The mysterious things of God, His wonder. The Wonder of God's power and wisdom which far exceeds comprehension.]**
- **[His Judgments (vs 12) - Remember his marvellous works that he hath done, his wonders, **and the judgments of his mouth**; . . . - His direction in your life. The Direction God gives through his everlasting and never failing Word of God.]**
- **[His Selection (vs 13) - **. . . his chosen ones** - Being His children. The New Birth and Adoption we enjoy.]**

2. Be Mindful (vs 14-22)

*[1 Chronicles 16:14-15 ¹⁴ He is the LORD our God; his judgments are in all the earth. ¹⁵ **Be ye mindful always**; . . .]*

- [Of His Word (vs 15) [- "**Be ye mindful** always of his covenant; **the word** which he commanded to a thousand generations;"]]
- [His Covenant (vs 16) [- "Even of **the covenant** which he made with Abraham, and of **his oath** unto Isaac;" - The New Covenant, The Kingdom of God.]

[These are the promises of God]
- [His Protection (vs 21-22) [- "He suffered no man to do them wrong: yea, he reprov'd kings for their sakes, ²²Saying, Touch not mine anointed, and do my prophets no harm."]]

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C. Worshipping Him personally and publicly (vs 8, 23-34) [- Give thanks unto the LORD, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the people (vs 8).]

[Sing and talk of His Wondrous Works.]

[The Five P's of Worship,]

1. [Praise (vs 23)]

[1 Chron. 16:23 **Sing unto the LORD**, all the earth; shew forth from day to day his salvation.]

2. [Proclamation (vs 24)]

[1 Chron. 16:24 **Declare** his glory among the heathen; his marvellous works among all nations.]

3. [Procure (vs 25-27)]

[1 Chron. 16:25-27 For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised: he also **is to be feared** above all gods. ²⁶For all the gods of the people are

idols: but the LORD made the heavens. ²⁷Glory and honour are in his presence; strength and gladness are in his place.

4. **[Presentation (vs 28-30)]**

[1 Chron. 16:28-30 Give unto the LORD, ye kindreds of the people, give unto the LORD glory and strength. ²⁹Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name: bring an offering, and come before him: worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness. ³⁰Fear before him, all the earth: the world also shall be stable, that it be not moved.]

5. **[Prevail (vs 31-34; Phil 4.4)]**

[1 Chron. 16:31-34 Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice: and let men say among the nations, The LORD reigneth. ³²Let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof: let the fields rejoice, and all that is therein. ³³Then shall the trees of the wood sing out at the presence of the LORD, because he cometh to judge the earth. ³⁴O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good; for his mercy endureth for ever.]

[Philip. 4:4 Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice.]

D. **Yeilding to His will for your life (vs 35-36).**

[1 Chron. 16:35-36 And say ye, Save us, O God of our salvation, and gather us together, and deliver us from the heathen, that we may give thanks to thy holy name, and glory in thy praise. ³⁶Blessed be the LORD God of Israel for ever and ever. And all the people said, Amen, and praised the LORD.]

[There is no better way to honor God than to accept His son as your personal Lord and Savior.]

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Sugar Creek, 24 November, 2002

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